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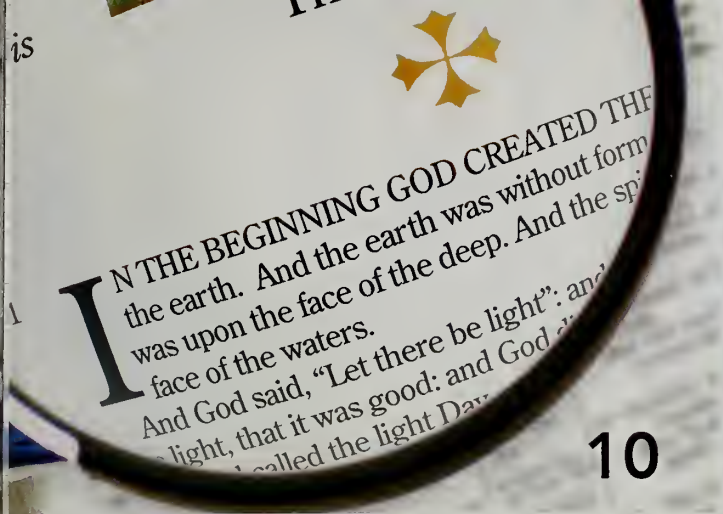
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Alumni survey the magazine

Alumni have once again responded enthusiastically to *Carleton University Magazine*. In the spring issue, readers were encouraged to share their thoughts on the content and layout of the magazine in an online survey. The results were consistent and clear: alumni readers are pleased with the publication and its ability to keep them connected with their alma mater.

In fact, 52 percent of respondents say they read the magazine cover to cover, while an additional 19 percent regularly read 21 to 30 pages. A remarkable 100 percent of respondents consider the magazine design to be clean, orderly and easy to read.

All survey respondents were entered into a prize draw for a limited edition Carleton Café travel mug. Congratulations to our lucky winner Evan Hilchey, BAHons/02, and thank you to everyone who completed the survey. For more results, visit magazine.carleton.ca.

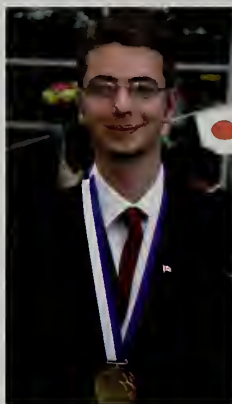
World youth day

Two Carleton students were among the hundreds of thousands of young people who attended the 20th World Youth Day (WYD) events in Cologne, Germany, this August. Known as the Catholic Church's mega event, WYD is a celebration of faith and Christianity that was established by the late Pope John Paul II and is held every two to three years.

Now, you can get a behind-the-scenes look at what happened at WYD through the exclusive online journals of English student Sarah Affleck and third-year journalism student Carolyn Girard.

Read their detailed accounts of the inspiration they enjoyed and the spiritual questions the pilgrimage prompted them to consider at magazine.carleton.ca.

World's best Web designer



Chris Fournier

Carleton University engineering student Chris Fournier has been named the world's best young Web designer at the 2005 World Skills Competition in Helsinki, Finland.

A lifelong resident of Yellowknife, NWT, Fournier competed against skilled Web designers from around the world to capture a gold medal at the prestigious event held this summer.

Despite feeling anxious before the competition, Fournier says he put his "nervous energy to use" to win the top prize. Since winning the competition,

Fournier has had job offers from toy giant Mattel and Statistics Canada.

Hosted every second year, the World Skills Competition is the largest international multi-trade and technology competition for students and apprentices. Team Canada captured five medals in total, two of them gold.

For more information, visit wsc2005helsinki.com.

Academic idol

Who will be Ontario's next academic idol? Three Carleton professors from the Department of Psychology have been named to the list of 10 semifinalists in TV Ontario's Best Lecturer Competition.

Brian Little, a distinguished research professor, and professors Warren Thorngate and Dan McIntyre, were short-listed from an initial pool of 258 individuals who were nominated by faculty and students across the province.

"This is an important statement about the calibre of teaching that is going on at Carleton University and the passion of our professors to engage their students," says David Atkinson, Carleton's president.

A television audience will vote for their favourite lecturer and ultimately choose the winner in a TV Ontario show to be aired in mid-November.

Visit carleton.ca/duc/News for more information.



Kevin Johnstone then ... and now.

Campus confidential revisited

Two years ago, *Carleton University Magazine* introduced alumni readers to two high-achieving students, Kevin Johnstone and Robyn Walker. As part of the double cohort, Johnstone and Walker kept personal journals of their first year at Carleton, writing about everything from residence life to exam jitters.

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Carleton University Magazine was inundated with letters to the editor after the publication of the spring issue on global warming and the environment. To read more of the passionate and informed arguments we received, visit the *Letters* section online at magazine.carleton.ca.

Fuel to the fire

It would be so easy to buy into the argument perpetuated by Kyoto-naysayers that changes to global temperature are a natural phenomenon and "the impact that anthropogenic carbon dioxide has on global climate is simply minuscule."

To accept such a sycophantic argument is to ignore the other dangers of our overdependence on government-subsidized, ultimately finite fossil fuels. Scarcity and security of supply have led to war in the Middle East and may well lead to incalculable environmental desecration in Alaska and elsewhere.

Smog and air pollution cost \$9.6 billion a year in health and environmental damage, and will result in 5,800 premature deaths in Ontario alone this year. And this is to say nothing of the effects that oil spills and other environmental contaminations will have on human health and the natural environment.

Even without debating the impact of fossil fuels on climate change, we cannot rationally pretend to use finite resources without concern. Once we even factor in a possible link, we simply cannot avoid a serious examination of, and change to, our often irresponsible lifestyle choices.

Colin Betts, BA/96, MA/01
Ottawa

We are responsible

The sponsor of the petition expressing skepticism about the science behind the Kyoto Protocol, the Science and Environmental Policy Project, has admitted receiving significant funding from Exxon, Shell, Unocal and ARCO. The list of scientists who have signed this petition has been found to include many with bachelor degrees only and others with degrees that are in no way related to climate change studies.

The global warming article fails to point out that the mainstream view, that human activity is the main cause of current changes in climate, is consistently supported by the National Academies of Science of every country in the world, including the United States (despite pressure from the White House).

The statistics quoted now by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change support the conclusion that the threat from climate change foreseen by the original Kyoto report seriously underestimates the degree of climate change and its resulting effects.

Joe Parchelo, BA/66
Ottawa

Not all news is good


In a study of the more than 900 articles on climate change published in refereed journals between 1993

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and 2003, Naomi Oreskes, a professor of history and science studies at the University of California at San Diego, found that "75 percent endorsed the view that anthropogenic emissions were responsible for at least some of the observed warming of the past 50 years. The remaining 25 percent took no position on current conditions. Not a single article disputed the premise that anthropogenic warming is underway."

Tad Murty and Tim Patterson's sunny prescription for insouciance in our relationship with the environment is a real eye-popper for us anxious humans, isn't it?

Neither of these professors finds any evidence to connect heat waves, ocean warming, coastal flooding and glacier melting to anthropogenic activity. Such a relief. We can all park our gas guzzlers back in the street. It's party time for global-warming deniers.

And would it really be a surprise if ExxonMobil and General Motors wished to throw in a bottle or two of bubbly just to keep the celebration alive?

*Margaret McCullough, BAHons/87, MA/92
Ottawa*

Global climate change 101

This is an ambitious article attempting to tackle the science related to climate change as well as the policies related to the Kyoto Protocol.

However, in the end the only message we seem to be left with is that the scientific community is polarized on the issue of whether climate change is a problem which requires some action.

It's not possible for the average literate person to digest the science behind global climate change models, or to judge the counter argument that we are not seeing any evidence of human-induced climate change.

However, some simple facts (on which there is no disagreement to my knowledge) may be helpful to the general reader:

- The CO² in the atmosphere is responsible for approximately five degrees of the natural greenhouse effect of 33 degrees
- Human activity since the industrial revolution has increased the concentration of CO² in the atmosphere by approximately 30 percent
- The primary reason for the increase

in CO² is the use of non-renewable fossil fuels at an increasing rate.

These will probably give most people some concern. To call the significant effort that has gone into climate change modeling as "the biggest scientific hoax being perpetrated on humanity" is really not helping anyone's cause.

*Deniz Karman
Professor, Environmental Engineering
Carleton University*

Money well spent

Your article on global warming is, in my opinion, outdated. There are very few objective scientists who will say that human activity is not contributing to the rising temperatures.

The article implies that the money Canada is spending to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is probably a waste of money. However, smog advisories and Health Canada's recent report on the heavy health care costs of air pollution alone justify this spending.

*Amie Alton, MA/05
Ottawa*



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Raging disbelief

I read with disbelief the so-called "raging scientific" debate over climate change in the spring 2005 cover story. Perhaps the debate is internal to Carleton University academics, but the last time I checked, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change had conclusively determined that human burning of fossil fuels is a prime driver of the current changes already visible, and of the ominous predicted changes that will disrupt the lives of future generations.

Climate change is undoubtedly the biggest story of our time — and it needs to be approached carefully and factually. The media rarely do so and, unfortunately, neither did your piece. In my view, the two sides of the story aren't whether human-induced climate change is fact or fantasy. If we placed believers and doubters on two sides of a scale, we would likely find the doubters are a vocal minority.

Carleton earth sciences expert Fred Michel takes the cake by calling the federal government's Kyoto plan a "massive misallocation of taxpayer funds." Professor Tim Patterson chimes in by saying the \$10 billion to reduce our emissions would be better spent in underprivileged countries. How disheartening to read this. By reducing emissions at home, we are tackling a global problem which will be especially devastating for developing nations. By acting locally, we can truly have a positive global impact.

Canada is one of the nations that will be most affected by climate change. I certainly hope that among the doubting scientists at Carleton there are one or two exploring how we can mitigate and adapt to the coming changes — and help shape the \$10-billion Kyoto plan as a once-in-a-lifetime transformative opportunity to benefit our society and humankind.

Bruce Pearce, BJ/86
St. John's, Nfld

Keep an open mind

I would like to express my support for the open-minded approach demonstrated by Cindy Robinson in the spring 2005 cover story on global warming. It is certainly rare these

days to see a writer who is prepared to explore the issue without bias.

When I studied at Carleton from 1996 to 2000, it was generally thought that humans were influencing global climate in a negative way. However, since then it has become more apparent that the most significant climate drivers are the sun and other natural phenomena, some even originating deep in the galaxy.

As a university, you should be promoting both sides of the debate and teaching your students to be critical of science and societal issues. Robinson's piece demonstrates an investigative approach that should be emulated by others in the university.

Josh Proll, BScHons/00
Calgary, AB

Believe what you want

I would like to congratulate Cindy Robinson for her well researched piece *Global warming? Controversy heats up in the scientific community*.

In today's media sphere, Robinson's piece is very unusual — a prominent article on the sacred cow of climate change where the author takes no position, gives extensive coverage to both sides and lets readers decide on their own what to believe.

If only we saw this sort of intelligent coverage more often, we might make rational decisions more often in this country.

Tom Harris, BEng/75
Ottawa

Correction

The promo on the article re: Linda Thorne and the article itself describe her as having an MPA. We do not have such a degree. Students graduating with a master's in public administration from Carleton graduate with an MA in public administration.

We do have a DPA (Diploma in Public Administration) and students doing the master's program have an association called the MPA Society but please note the correct appellation for the formal degree.

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From the top

The state of religion today poses a curious contradiction. On the one hand, there is an increasing rejection of mainstream expressions of religion in North America. On the other, there is a remarkable resurgence of interest in religion, whether it is expressed through the popularity of "new-age" religions, the

growing appeal of various evangelical movements, the extraordinary growth of Islam worldwide, or even the persistent popularity of courses on religion in our universities. What, one might ask, are we to make of this contradiction?

The religious traditions of the world are clearly different from one another, but they are the same in that all religious experience addresses a fundamental human need. The Buddha observed that greed or desire lies at the root of our suffering. No matter what we achieve in life, or how much we might possess, it is never quite enough. There always remains within us an inner sense of emptiness and incompleteness driven by our obsession to confirm our own self importance. We all want bigger houses, fancier cars, better grades, more fulfilling relationships; simply put, our desires consume us because there is never an end to them.

Religion aspires to make us complete, to fill in the emptiness that we sometimes experience. For the great western traditions, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, it is in our relationship with God that we are made complete. In Hinduism, it is in overcoming the ignorance that separates us from the oneness of Brahman; in Buddhism, it is the cessation of greed which drives the misconception of self and allows us to achieve the completely other state of Nirvana.

If anything, then, one might conclude that mainstream religion is simply not addressing this emptiness we feel. Sometimes we hear that mainstream religion has become too institutional, too predictable, too commonplace. But this does not mitigate our need to find a place where we can say with confidence and sincerity that we are contented, that we are complete. Only then will we find the peace of mind for which we all search so desperately.

So, one should not be surprised that religion never goes away. Religion survives because we cannot change who we are. Religion addresses what we all share — the simple desire to be truly and unconditionally happy.

David W. Atkinson
President and Vice-Chancellor, Carleton University

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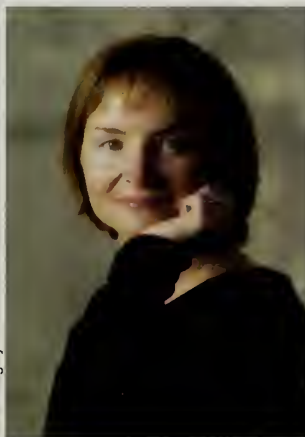


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Editor's welcome

When I was growing up, I learned that the one cardinal rule of conversation is: never talk about politics or religion in casual company.

That's why this issue of *Carleton University Magazine* has been a revelation to me. When the theme of religion and spirituality was suggested, I thought it an intriguing idea but one that wouldn't work out. Why? Because I thought few people

would be willing to talk about their religious convictions on the record and open themselves up to public scrutiny. Was I ever wrong.

Every graduate, student or faculty member approached for this issue agreed to an interview request. There was no hesitation and in fact, quite an enthusiastic response to the theme, stories and issues being covered.

What I heard over and over from the folks you'll read about in the following pages is that their spiritual beliefs are a part of their identity, and the two are inseparable. As Virginia Lafond, MSW/85, told me for the *Upfront* story on women's ordination in the Catholic Church, "I have been a practising Catholic since childhood. It is my tradition and it is my place."

To all of the individuals involved in this issue, I wish to thank you for sharing your deepest personal convictions with me and my writers. The magazine team has endeavoured to accurately present your passion and faith to the best of our ability.

On another note, this edition of *Carleton University Magazine* is my last. After two years as editor, I'm moving on to a new challenge at Carleton as editor of internal communications.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting a number of graduates who were happy to share their fascinating life stories with me or my writers. Some of my favourites include, *True survivor* about Fred DeRosa, BA/70, one of Canada's longest surviving heart-transplant recipients, *Women in the weight room* about Renée Robert, BA-Hons/77, and her love of fitness, and *Agent of change* about Halima Shariff, MJ/90, and her work to eradicate HIV and AIDs in Tanzania, Africa.

It's been an absolute pleasure working to keep you informed about the significant issues and developments within the alumni and university communities. I feel strongly that our paths will cross again in future — and I very much look forward to it. Enjoy your magazine.

Cindy

Cindy Robinson, MA/98
Editor



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Challenging the status quo ♀

Women's ordination movement aims to free the Roman Catholic Church of the sin of sexism

By Cindy Robinson

Above the clatter of dishes and the din of the morning breakfast crowd at an Ottawa-area restaurant, Virginia Lafond, MSW/85, speaks softly but firmly about her passion for the Roman Catholic Church.

"I have been a practising Catholic since I was a child. I'm very in love with the church, and I love the tradition of the saints," she says before fondly launching into the life story about her favourite saint, Thérèse of Lisieux.

But despite the intensity of her faith, Lafond is challenging the Roman Catholic Church's stance

on priestly ordination. Women are excluded from the priesthood for reasons outlined in numerous Vatican documents, including the *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, a letter written by the late John Paul II. The document notes that only men can become priests because clergy members must bear a resemblance to Christ and because Christ chose men, not women, to be his Apostles.

But Lafond feels that the tradition of conferring priestly ordination on men alone is wrong and must be changed. To spur that change, she helped host the 2005 Women's Ordi-

nation Worldwide (WOW) conference at Carleton this summer. Since 1996, WOW has been working to support women's equality in religions, free the church from the sin of sexism, and raise awareness about the issue of women's ordination within the Roman Catholic Church.

WOW is important, says Lafond, because it gives voice to a growing number of concerned Catholics who feel disenfranchised by the church's stance on the issue of ordination.

"I've served on various councils where you spend hours at a table and the decision is made outside by the

priest or by the pastor, and we have to live with it. In the Roman Catholic Church circles, they're saying this is by divine right. And this is why it's so wrong."

Lafond is not alone in her quest for women's equality in the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, nearly 500 women and men from 20 different countries converged at the WOW conference to examine the place of women in religious history, and consider models of female leadership in various religious organizations that could be emulated by the Catholic Church.

And though the conference participants spoke with passion and animation about potential reforms, representatives from the Archdiocese of Ottawa were notably absent. That's because Marcel Gervais, the Archbishop of Ottawa, instructed all priests in the city to refrain from commenting on the conference.

"I would count on all of you to refrain from offering any public statements, or public prayers — for or against — in connection with it, as this gathering is taking place completely outside the realm of our faith," Gervais stipulated in a faxed memo sent to city parishes in July.

Lafond says she was disappointed but not surprised by the memo.

"Silence is the weapon. And it's spoken like a true patriarch, which we're against."

While Gervais may have declared that the objectives of WOW are "clearly in opposition to the official teachings of the Roman Catholic Church," American scholar Karen Fitz LaBarge gave a talk at the conference pointing to scriptural evidence of female leadership in the church.

Plus, there are other reasons that the church should consider ordaining women, according to the authors of *Full Pews and Empty Alters*. The book's authors estimate that there will be a 40 percent decline in the number of priests by the end of 2005, but a 65 percent increase in the number of Catholics. This discrepancy could translate into numerous parishes that have no spiritual leader. If the church eased its restrictions on ordaining women, or allowed priests to marry, liberal members of the Catholic Church argue that there would be no shortage of seminarians to minister to the faithful.

Until that time however, the Roman Catholic Church remains steadfastly

opposed to the issue. And it is unlikely the Catholic laity will see any move towards a more liberal stance on the topic while Pope Benedict XVI is at the helm. As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Benedict issued a canonical warning to seven women who were ordained on the Danube River in 2002. The ultimatum: renounce the ordination or face the severest censure the church can administer — excommunication.

Lafond is still hopeful that the Roman Catholic Church will amend its teachings and traditions, and allow women to serve as priests. But, she says, it will be quite some time before that happens.

"This is an old ship and it's very hard to turn in the water. But, you never know." ■

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Defying the Vatican

On July 25, nine women boarded a boat near the town of Gananoque, ON, to take part in a special but controversial ceremony. Filled to capacity with a number of supporters and members of the media, the boat ventured into international waters in the St. Lawrence River where the women were ordained as Roman Catholic priests and deacons.

"There are people who are happy that this is happening. It has given them a renewed sense of joy and hope" says Michele Birch-Conery, a women's studies teacher at a college on Vancouver Island.

Birch-Conery, the only Canadian woman ordained at the ceremony, says the media exposure has generated a lot of interest from the general public. As an example, she cites an exchange with two young female store clerks who recognized her and initiated a discussion about women's ordination.

"It gives them hope for their own lives as women," she says. "It gives them hope that change can happen."

Along with the other women involved in the ordination ceremony, Birch-Conery will likely be excommunicated from the Vatican. Numerous decrees from that office over the years, including the *Inter Insigniores*, a declaration approved by Pope Paul VI in 1976, and *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, a letter authored by the late John Paul II in 1994, have strictly forbidden the ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church.

Regardless of these edicts, a number of individuals are challenging traditional church doctrine. On June 29, 2002, seven women were ordained as Roman Catholic priests in a ceremony on the Danube River in Germany.



Michele Birch-Conery, far left, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest during a ceremony on the St. Lawrence River in July.

In response to that event, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, issued a canonical warning that the women would be excommunicated unless they renounced the ordination. The women did not repent, and were subsequently deprived of the rights of church membership.

Fact

By Scott Foster

Before Nicholas Copernicus touched off a revolution in astronomy, comets, eclipses, and shooting stars were regarded as miraculous signs from God.

But the scientific theories of the famed astronomer, along with the ground-breaking work of renowned mathematicians such as Johannes Kepler and Galileo Galilei, would soon unravel many of the mysteries that pervaded the universe. These scientists offered new knowledge that flew in the face of commonly held spiritual beliefs, triggering a firestorm of controversy that threatened the church's ability to explain the unexplainable.

By the 19th century, the rise of modern science led major figures of the day to question the validity of religion. Some, such as Austrian psychiatrist Sigmund Freud, even went so far as to pronounce its imminent death.

Fast-forward to today, where scientists continue to make cutting-edge discoveries. At the same time, church attendance and religious affiliation are at an all-time low in Canada, which begs the question: Is science eroding the significance of religion in modern society?

The truth is out there

It's true that Western Christianity strongly depends on the cosmos being driven by a greater intelligence, says Carleton's Peter Emberley, which is why the rise of scientific discovery drove some to doubt the validity of religious doctrine.

The impact of modern science on the way people perceived the world



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The clash of science and religion in modern society

was significant because empirical study denied any kind of "overarching purpose or necessary design to the cosmos," says the political science professor and author of *Divine Hunger: Canadians on a Spiritual Walkabout*.

Credibility became an issue for those religions that clung to the belief that all species were created at the same time or that the Earth was created 6,000 years ago, says Carleton's Brian Given, BA/77, MA/79, a sociology and anthropology professor who studies ritual- and meditation-based systems of knowledge.

"It's utter nonsense. We have a fossil record that shows human beings have evolved. Those religions that still try to argue otherwise, within domains where we have scientific knowledge, will become obsolete. That's one reason why so many people have left institutionalized religions," he says.

Indeed, 2001 census data show a decline in religious affiliation in Canada for almost every major category.

The number of individuals reporting to have no religion went up from 0.5 percent in 1961 to more than 16 percent in 2001.

"The denominations are aging and declining," observes Tom Sherwood, MA/72, PhD/94, Carleton's ecumenical chaplain and

adjunct research professor of sociology and anthropology. "I think there will always be remnants (of these institutions), but maybe remnants is the word we ought to start using."

Science vs. spirituality

But while Sherwood acknowledges that all religions regularly encounter tension between tradition and modernity, he firmly rejects the idea that science has directly affected the presence of religion and spirituality in Canada.

"It's just plain wrong!" the chaplain says passionately from his office near the Tory building, his voice echoing in the tunnel hallways.

For Sherwood, the proof can be found among Carleton students, who are bringing their spirituality onto campus.

"They attend courses in life sciences, philosophy, international affairs and architecture without bracketing or setting aside their religious beliefs."

In fact, student interest in religion courses is more popular than ever, concludes Sherwood, with some students taking religion as an elective for their personal development.

But Emberley argues it may be optimistic to suggest that religion is alive and well simply because it remains in the classroom.

It's true that there is more religion on Carleton's campus than there was when Emberley came to the university 21 years ago. But it's largely coming from immigrants, who came to Canada with a "rich and fertile religious culture," he says.

"I'm inclined to say that these beliefs are not going to be able to maintain their staying power over a long period of time because modern secular society has this incredible homogenizing effect over anything that touches it," he says.

Nonetheless, Sherwood argues religion is here to stay if people are prepared to broaden its definition.

"If you define religion as believing in the Trinity and the seven sacraments, I'm not sure if that will be around in the future."

But the chaplain insists that humans will always have a constant need for some connection with something beyond the empirical.

"Some sense of the sacred seems to be part of humanity. And that's not going away folks," he says, adding anthropologists have never found a society where religion went undetected.

As for the ability of science to find answers to everything, empirical research will never answer such philosophical questions as, 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' and 'What's the meaning of life?,' says Sherwood.

Given agrees, noting that science has never infringed on the quest of religious mystics who explore consciousness through such means as meditation.

"The mystic religions are very alive and well. They offer some people a level of understanding that they're not going to get anywhere else."

Similarly, out of the 400 people Emberley interviewed for his book, *Divine Hunger*, many of them had expe-



Tom Sherwood



Photo: Lutfier Caverly

rienced some kind of moment — whether through prayer, spiritual chanting, recovery from personal crises or otherwise — which led them to believe they had encountered a divine mystery.

"We live in this modern technological society that very much focuses on controlling everything. But people want mystery. They want to know there is a limit to human power, that something ineffable remains — something which draws their souls."



Peter Emberley

Additional insight can be found in a recent poll by Ipsos Public Affairs, which reports that two thirds of Canadians feel religion is still important to them.

But whether they attend a religious service to express a connection with their god is another matter. Statistics

Canada suggests attendance at religious services has fallen dramatically over the past 15 years. In 1986, 28 percent of survey respondents said that they attended religious services weekly. In 2001, this number had declined to 20 percent.

The new religion

If attendance is waning, then how is religion being expressed by the majority of younger Canadians — if at all?

Sherwood concludes there are many students who do not necessarily attend church but believe that a divine force is present in their relationships.

"They'll talk deeply about the spirituality of life and the world without using the words God, Father, Son, or Holy Spirit," says Sherwood. "They've

got to let go of the formulas. And that's okay. Those words were a product of a time and place. Now things are different."

A related trend that can be found in university campuses and the more cosmopolitan cities across Canada is "multiple religious belonging."

As a result of immigration, there are more inter-cultural marriages than ever before. The children of those couples often belong to two religions because their parents did not convert when they married, says Sherwood.

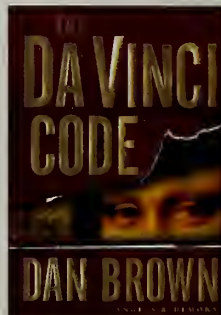
"These kids are going to the church and the synagogue, and, in both cases, it's authentic. In our multicultural, multifaith society, young adults are now growing up speaking two different religions, and claiming to express themselves with integrity in both."

Meanwhile, many people have been attaching Buddhism to other religions so they become Presbyterian Buddhist or a Buddhist Hindu, says Sherwood.

"I see this happening. There's blending going on. But we don't know where it's going."

What is important, however, is that religious leaders recognize these trends and respond to them, experts agree. If their institutions fail to keep pace with the new face of religion, they risk extinction. To survive they must remain dynamic and ready to adapt while catering to a younger generation's interpretation of spirituality.

"Today, if I were inclined to start a church, I would have a good children's program because they are looking for meaning," says Sherwood. "But I'd close down a whole bunch of churches that are trying to recreate 1953. The world's changing. We need to do things differently." ■



Recent books such as Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*

and films such as Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* are proving that religion is still "sexy," says Tom Sherwood, MA/72, PhD/94, Carleton's ecumenical chaplain.

Worldwide sales of Brown's conspiracy-based work of fiction are estimated at 17 million copies. Meanwhile, *The Passion* grossed more than US\$600 million at the box office, earning a spot among the top 10 grossing movies of all time.

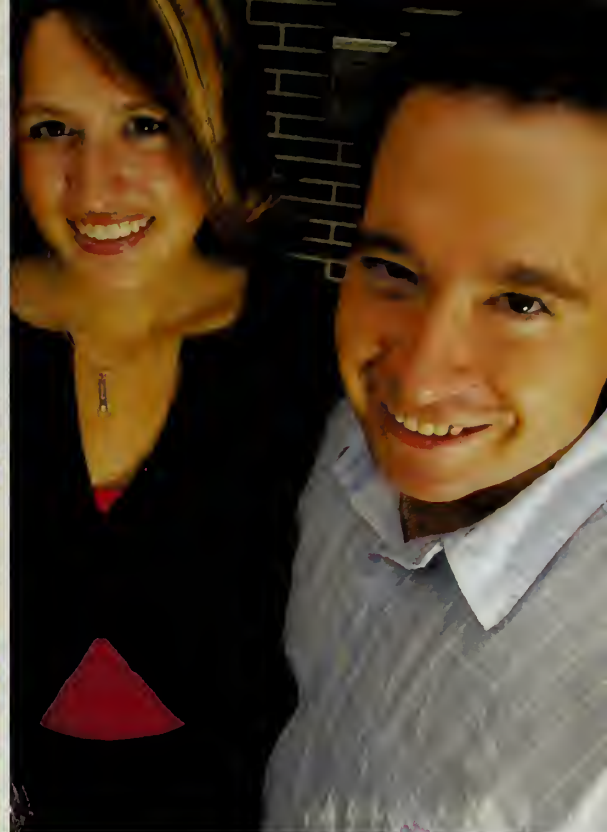
The rush to the book stores and cinemas can be explained by people's thirst for answers to those mysterious questions that cannot be answered by science, offers Sherwood.

On a more cynical level, Aaron Taylor, MA/00, professor at Brock University's Department of Communications, Popular Culture and Film, says producers of *The Passion* successfully identified a niche market that comprised an "untapped gold mine" of potential revenue. Representing the bulk of that market is the large percentage of devout Christians in America's Bible Belt region, Taylor says.

Whatever the pull, the ferocious popularity of these blockbusters prove that religion is still as powerful as ever.

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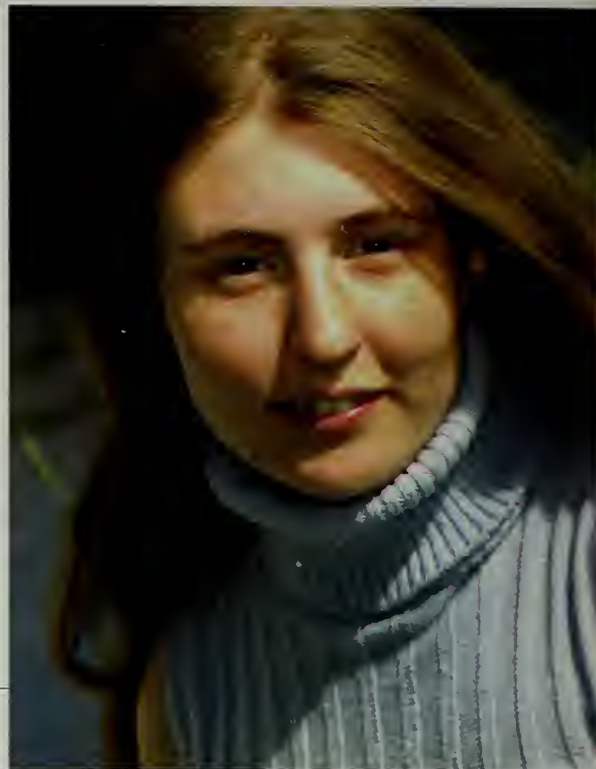


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Kristina Mellway, BPAPM/05, is the coordinator of Renewing the Sacred Balance, a multifaith group that seeks to establish a relationship of respect and caring for the Earth.

By Richard Martin

When Kristina Mellway, BPAPM/05, married Carleton mechanical engineering student Michael Inrig in August, they had an eco-wedding: everything from the organic flowers and local produce to the rings made in Canada was environmentally friendly. They even registered for gifts at a store stocked with eco-friendly products.

"We wanted our wedding to reflect our environmentally conscious lifestyle," says Mellway, who founded a neighbourhood group called HOOP, Help Our Only Planet, to collect bottles for recycling, when she was 12.

Her concern for the environment has a strong faith-based component. A long-time member of the United Church, Mellway recently founded the Ottawa chapter of Renewing the Sacred Balance, an interfaith initiative of an organization called Faith and the Common Good.

The group aims to explore ways in which faith can play a role in correcting the damage that a consumption-based lifestyle has done to nature.

"We look at this situation from a perspective of values," Mellway says. "What do the various

religious traditions say about the environment?"

By establishing a relationship of respect and caring for the Earth, Faith and the Common Good hopes to restore the sacred balance of nature. The group is hoping that as many as 20 local faith communities — including Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Baha'i — will take part in such activities as community dinners, educational sessions and prayers for the planet.

Mellway became coordinator of Renewing the Sacred Balance in August 2004, when she was working on her fourth-year research paper. "I've always been interested in how decisions are made and by whom," Mellway says, "so I came to Carleton to study public affairs and policy management."

She was particularly interested in the policy frameworks for sustainable development in the third world. A course focused on religion and the environment led by Noel Salmond, an assistant professor in the Department of Religion, showed her how culture and religion shape values and thus can help shape sustainable development. Mellway realized that "faith-based initiatives

could combine development and environmental issues." At about the same time, Faith and the Common Good was looking for a coordinator for the Ottawa branch.

"It was divine inspiration," she says.

Mellway spends two days a week with Renewing the Sacred Balance and another two as executive director of Tucker House Renewal Centre, a 32-acre retreat and learning centre about half an hour east of Ottawa. Faith groups come to Tucker House to renew their relationship with the environment in a natural setting.

"We do organic gardening, have an eco-faith curriculum in the summer camp and hope to provide a showcase for greening places of worship," Mellway notes.

As much as possible, the centre is a sustainable structure, demonstrating how to save water, and reduce electricity use and waste. "Our plan is to be a model for those who are interested," Mellway says. "We try to walk the walk. It's a great time to do this. A great opportunity."

Richard Martin, BAHons/70, BJ/83, is an Ottawa-based writer. ■



The Reverend Douglas Greenaway, BA/75

Spiritual journeys

By Alex Wooley

For the Reverend Douglas Greenaway, BA/75, life so far has been an odyssey measured in miles and milestones. His early journeys took him from Belleville, ON, to Los Angeles, CA, to Carleton University in Ottawa. Since graduation he has lived in India, Germany and Washington, DC.

His spiritual development has been just as varied. In 2000, after years of preparation, he became an ordained Episcopal priest. That same year, he earned his master of divinity and became assistant rector at picturesque St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Washington. Greenaway cites two very personal reasons for his call to the priesthood.

"The first was the impact of my mother's death. A nurse was with me at the foot of her bed, and in mom's last moments there was a glow about her as if her spirit was rising from her body. It was a transforming moment. The second factor was the power of healing: as an openly gay man, I learned that self-acceptance — realizing that I too am uniquely created by God as a gay man — was a healing process, made manifest through the power of the Gospels and the Eucharist."

Greenaway believes his adopted U.S. homeland is increasingly divided along political and religious lines, and worries about the Christian right's intolerance on a range of issues.

"I'm deeply troubled by the abuse of faith by religious fundamentalists in this nation, and in all nations. They have failed to recognize the dynamic nature of God's word revealed in scripture. It must be understood within its context and applied to a 21st-century world. But fundamentalists have a very narrow interpretation of scripture," says Greenaway.

"I certainly don't have all the answers," he continues, "but our fundamentalist brothers and sisters project the impression that they do, that they're speaking for God in some way. People buy into their narrow literalist interpretation because it's simplistic, provides black-and-white answers, when of course nothing in life is that simple. Jesus understood that."

Greenaway's day job is executive director of the National WIC Association, which works on behalf of the WIC Program — the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.



The association operates a public health nutrition program that serves eight million pregnant and post-partum women, and children in poverty who are at nutritional risk. WIC promotes breastfeeding and provides coupons for foods selected for their nutritional value, as well as medical referrals.

Of his dual role as priest and leader of a social justice organization, Greenaway says, "These two aspects of my life happen to blend well to fulfill God's call to service."

Read the full story online at magazine.carleton.ca.

Alex Wooley, BA/89, is the director of communications and development at Intermedia in Washington, DC. ■



Nelofer Pazira, BJ/97, shown here in the 2001 film *Kandahar*, is the youngest recipient of the A.D. Dunton Alumni Award of Distinction.

From Afghanistan to A.D. Dunton

By Scott Foster

Nelofer Pazira, BJ/97, had just completed an exhausting flight to Toronto from Baghdad when a woman ran up to her in the airport.

The woman recognized the Carleton grad as the star of *Kandahar*, a 2001 film loosely based on Pazira's real-life journey back to her homeland of Afghanistan to find a friend.

The ecstatic fan invited the noted journalist and filmmaker to her home whenever she needed a place to stay. Pazira was shocked.

"*Kandahar* was made nearly five years ago, but people still seem to remember," she says from her Toronto home.

While such encounters continue to surprise Pazira, she is pleased that the film helped raise awareness of the situation in her war-torn homeland.

Pazira followed *Kandahar* with a 2003 documentary entitled *Return to Kandahar*. This year, she authored *A Bed of Red Flowers*, a memoir of her childhood in Kabul and her escape from war.

In recognition of Pazira's achievements, the Carleton University Alumni Association has chosen the 32-year-old as the 2005 recipient of the A.D. Dunton Alumni Award of Distinction. The accolade is given annually to a graduate in recognition of outstanding

achievement or contribution in any field of endeavour.

Given the unstable state of Afghanistan and the greater geopolitical situation after the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S., Pazira's work triggers larger questions about the place of Islam in the West, says Chris Dornan, director of the School of Journalism and Communication.

"Pazira has done as much as anyone to make us in the West aware of the realities of what's happening on the ground in Afghanistan, partly through her own reportage, her writings, and documentary-making, but also by starring in *Kandahar*."

A modest Pazira says she is hopeful that the impact she has had on her readers and viewers has been positive.

"I don't believe in the East and West dichotomy. I'd like to think that whatever I have done has had some kind of influence in bringing the two entities closer together. I'd like to believe that I can make a positive contribution."

While touring the United States to promote her book over the next four months, Pazira hopes to reflect on her recent experiences in Baghdad, where she spoke with many Iraqis and Americans. She hopes to turn her conversational research into articles that explore the mindsets of and relationship between the occupiers and the occupied. Another book could be in the works, she hints, but it won't be released for a while.

The alumni association will present the 2005 A.D. Dunton Alumni Award of Distinction to Pazira at a luncheon in Ottawa on November 7. Past winners include former Deputy Prime Minister John Manley, BA/71, and famed industrial designer Karim Rashid, BID/82. ■



November 7

Ottawa Branch Leadership Luncheon

Join author, journalist and filmmaker **Nelofer Pazira, BJ/97**, and other Carleton alumni for the fifth Ottawa Branch Leadership Luncheon.

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Michael Hu, BEng/01, has created a software program that automatically formats a research paper's footnotes, title page and bibliography.

Formatting papers is now *EaZy*

By Scott Foster

A few years ago, Michael Hu, BEng/01, was struck by a sudden epiphany: students are suffering needlessly.

Like many students, the thorn in Hu's side was the complex formatting required to write the footnotes and bibliography of a research paper.

As a graduate student in Trinity Western University's linguistics program, Hu spent countless hours leafing through a 318-page style manual to ensure his work was properly formatted.

While an undergraduate student in engineering, the Chancellor's scholar and Senate medal recipient had never come across such detailed style requirements. Nonetheless, he was determined to master his new arch-nemesis.

But this was no easy task. Upon receiving his graded paper, Hu was shocked to learn that, despite his best efforts, some marks were docked for a missing period or comma.

"After that, I said, 'This is crazy, I'm going to write a computer program to format things for me.'"

The result was EaZyPaper — a program that automatically formats

a paper's footnotes, title page and bibliography. The Microsoft-compatible program gives users a choice between three academically accepted styles.

"The eureka moment came when I realized I'm not the only one who is frustrated and spends lots of time on this," says Hu. "I also knew that some of my friends and colleagues were really brilliant, but were losing marks on format."

Hu estimates EaZyPaper saves an average of three hours per paper. And most importantly, grades aren't lost.

Upon conducting further research, Hu discovered that some students may be tempted to buy a paper off the Internet to avoid the anguish of formatting. But an auto-format tool such as EaZyPaper could actually increase academic honesty and allow students to focus all of their energy on writing the paper, he adds.

The 26-year-old, who worked at Cisco Systems as a software engineer, was so encouraged by the abilities of his program that he left his job to build his own company. Soon, EaZyPaper was born with the motto: "Write the paper, not the footnotes."

Now there are thousands of people around the world who have used the software, and the company has customers on every continent except Antarctica.

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From left: Rob Saunders, the 2005 recipient of the Pat O'Brien Memorial Scholarship, with Megan, Ann and Sean O'Brien.



Swinging for a good cause

Friends, family, alumni and former teammates of the late Pat O'Brien, BA/66, DPA/90, came out swinging for a good cause at the third annual golf tournament named for the former Carleton student, athlete, volunteer and employee. Hosted by the Carleton University Ravens Basketball Alumni Association (CURBAA) and held at the Canadian Golf and Country Club near Ottawa, the event raised more than \$7,500 to support the Ravens men's basketball team.

"The event is an opportunity to come together and celebrate the student athletes who exemplify the passion and values that our former teammate, coach, mentor and friend Pat O'Brien

held dearly," says Dave Loney, BA/79, the tournament's organizer.

A humid but fun-filled day on the links was followed by a prime rib dinner where members of the three-time Canadian Interuniversity Sport championship basketball team cheered as Rob Saunders, a first-year engineering student from the Kingston area, received the Pat O'Brien Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Ravens player who demonstrates outstanding athletic ability as well as excellence in the classroom.

Established in 2002, the golf tournament commemorates the life of alumnus Pat O'Brien, a former Ravens

basketball player, team captain and founding member of CURBAA, who held several senior administrative positions at the university until his death in September 2001. The golf tournament has raised nearly \$160,000 since its inception three years ago. ■

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Commerce class of '65 reunite

Members of Carleton's Commerce Class of 1965 celebrated their 40th anniversary reunion at the Glen House Resort in Gananoque, ON, in May. Approximately 20 classmates enjoyed a weekend full of activities and special memories, including a boat cruise and dinner held in a venue decorated in Carleton colours. Vivid displays of memorabilia and photos from 1965 prompted reunion participants to reminisce about their student days. Visit magazine.carleton.ca to view more pictures from this special occasion.



Photo: Mike Pinder

Celebrating greatness



Andrea Johnson, BAHons/95, received a Senate medal for outstanding academic achievement from Carleton upon graduation and is now a rising corporate and technology lawyer. Find her full biography on the Great Grads Web site at carleton.ca/greatgrads.

Carleton graduates now have another great reason to visit the Carleton alumni Web site. A new section called Great Grads has been launched to celebrate the achievements of the university's alumni.

Andrea Johnson, BAHons/95, is just one of the more than 30 alumni who are profiled on the site to date. A rising corporate and technology lawyer with the Ottawa office of Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, Johnson is recognized as a Great Grad for having received one of the *Ottawa Business Journal's* 2005 Forty Under 40 Awards.

"Carleton University gave me tremendous opportunities to grow both academically and socially," says Johnson. "I haven't encountered another institution that has the collegiality and optimism that I experienced at Carleton."

Nancy Lewis, director of alumni services, says the addition of the Great Grads page will inform the alumni community of the mark their former classmates are making in a number of areas. She also hopes the site will encourage and inspire current students to greatness.

"Ideally, students will see how a degree can lead to a fulfilling career, and how they can emulate Carleton's Great Grads to be successful in a chosen field."

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October 11
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50th Anniversary Reunion

Class of 1955
October 14
Carleton University/National Arts Centre

House-Laughton

Hoops Classic

October 14 – 16
Ravens' Nest
Carleton University

Montreal Branch

FOCUS Tour: Peter Emberley
October 18
Hotel Sofitel

Carleton University Alumni Association

Annual General Meeting

October 22
Carleton University

Women's Soccer Chapter

Alumni Day
October 22
Carleton University

Halifax Branch

FOCUS Tour

October 26
Place TBD

Swimming Chapter

Men's and Women's
Alumni Meet
October 29
Pool, Carleton Athletics

November

Ottawa Branch

Leadership Luncheon:

Nelofer Pazira
November 7
Canadian War Museum

Winnipeg Branch

Wine tasting reception
November 10
De Luca's Fine Wines
Meet the new branch president

NPSIA 40th Anniversary

Celebration Kick-off

November 14
Keynote speaker:
Gareth Evans

Waterpolo Chapter

Men's and Women's
Alumni Game
November 19
Pool, Carleton Athletics

Toronto Branch

Meet President

David Atkinson

November 23
Place TBD

Sprott Student Society

Annual Business Banquet

November 23
Great Hall, National Gallery

December

Ottawa Branch

The Nutcracker
December 7
National Arts Centre

2006

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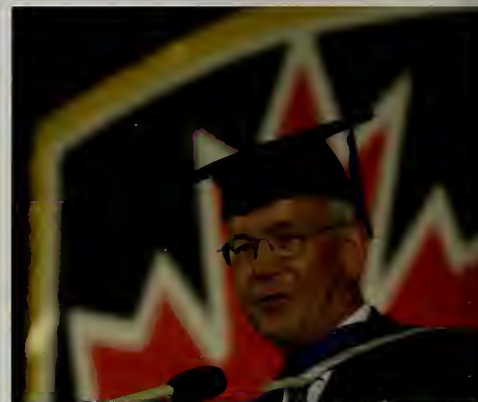
More than 3,000 graduates were welcomed into the alumni association at the 126th spring convocation ceremonies held June 16 to 18 at Carleton's Fieldhouse and Alumni Park. Here is a photo recap of this annual celebration of academic accomplishments.



Photos: Mike Pinder

◀ Chong Chan, Clerk of Senate, pauses before leading graduates through the convocation procession. The spring convocation ceremony marked one of Chan's final official duties before his retirement on June 30, 2005. As Clerk of Senate for nine years, he played a key role in the university's academic renewal, and presided over 89 convocation ceremonies.

Barbara Vocisano, BA/93, was one of many volunteers who welcomed graduates into the Carleton University Alumni Association with a congratulatory handshake and a gold-embossed lapel pin. Members of the graduating class were invited to register in the Carleton Café online community and enter a draw to win an iPod. More than 500 of the graduating class registered to win. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Natalie Girimonte, BA/05.



▲ Paul Okalik, BA/95, Premier of Nunavut, receives his honorary degree from chancellor Marc Garneau as then Carleton president, Richard Van Loon, looks on. After thanking his family and friends for their support while he was a student, Okalik encouraged the class of 2005 to use their talents to enrich the lives of their fellow citizens, saying, "The promotion of civil society should be a responsibility of every citizen, and for those of us fortunate enough to be its caretakers it is an honour of the highest calling. By accepting our degrees we have taken on this responsibility and may society be the richer for it."

▲ Honorary degree recipient and former member of Carleton's Board of Governors Bob Laughton, BA/59, reflected on his days as an undergraduate at the university while delivering his convocation address. "I remember — and value to this day — the individual professors, the challenges of the classroom and the wonder of it all as I was exposed to a world I scarcely knew existed."

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Drumming up Aboriginal heritage

As the sound of a thunderbird drum reverberated in the air, mixed with the smoky scent of a traditional pipe ceremony, Carleton University and its project partners officially launched the Native Drums Web site at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, this summer.

An educational Web project about Aboriginal musical expression, Native Drums is intended to preserve the rich cultural and musical heritage of Canada's First Nations peoples, says Elaine Keillor, a distinguished research professor in Carleton's music department. Keillor also hopes the site will dispel commonly held myths about Aboriginal music.

"I have found in years of teaching that my students have a very set idea of what Aboriginal music is about — and



Elaine Keillor, a distinguished research professor in Carleton's music department, and John Medicine Horse Kelly, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, were heavily involved in the creation of the Native Drums Web site, which houses information on Aboriginal artistic and cultural heritage.

Photo: Trevor Lush

that of course comes from Hollywood, which doesn't have anything to do with reality. So one goal is to get the students out of that mindset," says Keillor, whose 35-year collection of drums is a significant component of the Web site.

John Medicine Horse Kelly, an assistant professor in Carleton's School of Journalism and Communication, says the oral nature of Aboriginal society has led to the loss of much artistic and cultural knowledge. Kelly says the Web project is important in preserving Aboriginal cultural memory and suggests it may even save the lives of Aboriginal youth.

"There have been studies which have found that where culture and language are strong, the suicide rate in Aboriginal communities literally goes right down to the baseline. So it's not that far a step to say that a major component of what's killing our young people is a loss of language, a loss of culture, a loss of family and loss of identity."

Keillor says the site was a labour of love, taking hundreds of volunteer hours to construct. It included contributions from faculty and staff in fields as diverse as physics to journalism to music.

Visit natedrums.ca to learn more. ■

Common interests lead to new Jewish research centre

In response to a clearly identified need and the enthusiastic commitment of a number of faculty members, a Centre for Jewish Studies and Research is being established at Carleton. The centre will provide scholars at Carleton and within the Ottawa community the opportunity to share ideas and research related to Jewish studies.

Aviva Freedman, a professor in the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, says the idea for a curricular centre has been in development for a number of years.

"One of the things that recently became apparent is that there are already a number of people at Carleton who are currently doing research in the area of Jewish studies," says Freedman, who will co-direct the centre along with Marla Segol, an assistant professor in the College of Humanities.

"We realized that a good first step toward the development of a curricular centre of Jewish studies would be to bring together some of the people who are already doing research in

Jewish history, Jewish thought, Jewish civilization," she adds.

The centre will allow scholars and professors from disciplines such as history, international affairs, psychology, literature and journalism, to share the fruits of their scholarly work on the Jewish experience, civilization, history, culture and texts.

"There are many possibilities for fruitful interaction. We have a couple of historians, for example, who are looking at the Holocaust, and German-Jewish history before the Holocaust. We also have people in French and English literature, film, and music who are looking at the way the Holocaust has been represented culturally," says Freedman, noting that scholarly interests go well beyond the Holocaust.

Chris Faulkner, a professor of film studies in Carleton's School for Studies in Art and Culture, says his interest in racism and xenophobia in French cinema and the French film press before World War II spurred his involvement in the centre.

"There are a number of individuals doing work that is germane to the goals of this organized research unit," says Faulkner. "People can bring their research to the centre and contribute to the larger picture," he adds.

Freedman says the centre will host events and programs beginning this fall, and is optimistic that constructive links between Carleton and the larger Ottawa community will be formed as a result. It's also important, she says, for the centre to provide a venue to discuss Jewish culture and civilization.

"We all simply don't know enough about each other. For example, it's very hard to talk about Hinduism without understanding something about the civilization that has created it — its art, culture and architecture — and the same can be said for the Jewish experience. It's part of our concept to stress points of commonality between various religious civilizations."

The College of Humanities also plans to develop Islamic and Hindu centres in the future. ■

Photo: Luther Caverly



Mark Masters, editor-in-chief of the *Charlatan*, celebrated six decades of the student-run newspaper with a week of anniversary events from September 22 to 28.

Aged to perfection

By Ryan Ward

The Charlatan is turning 60 years old but is certainly not preparing for retirement any time soon.

In September, Carleton's independent student newspaper organized a weeklong slate of 60th anniversary events that attracted alumni, students and the Ottawa community in celebration of the place where many journalists got their start.

"We see ourselves as part of the community and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the 60th anniversary," says Mark Masters, *the Charlatan's* editor-in-

chief. "The ultimate goal is to present *the Charlatan* as an institution on campus that has done a lot of great things over the last 60 years and is a place where young journalists can come in and write."

The festivities included workshops on news reporting and photography, a barbecue that was broadcast live on CKCU radio station, a reunion party in Oliver's Pub and a book launch on *the Charlatan's* history written by Evan Annett, BHum/05.

Alumni from all decades were thrilled to reunite and share their

thoughts on their time at the paper. Mel Morris, BJ/52, is a former managing editor of *The Gazette* in Montreal and *Maclean's* magazine. He was editor-in-chief of *the Charlatan* from 1949 to 1950 when it was known as *The Carleton*.

"It was a chance to get your feet wet in the business world," says Morris. "*The Carleton* was a testing ground to learn things that were valuable later in my career."

Diane Duthie, BJ/76, recalled the first investigative story she published about an abortion service.

"They did a pregnancy test that showed I was pregnant, and then explained to me how the abortion would be done. What they didn't know was that the urine sample I provided to them came from my brother. They were shamelessly ripping off girls who were really pregnant and scared," says Duthie.

The Charlatan's 60th anniversary events attracted more than 400 participants and enjoyed widespread media coverage in the National Capital Region.

For more news and photos from the celebration, visit *the Charlatan* online at charlatan.ca/sixty.html.

Ryan Ward, BA/99, works for the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency in Toronto. He wrote more than 150 articles for the *Charlatan* throughout his undergraduate career. ■

Demand it!

By Amber Hildebrandt

Carleton University Television (CUTV) is going beyond time and geographical boundaries with its newest service, Video on Demand (VOD). VOD offers students the ability to access their course lectures online anytime, anywhere, says Carol Miles, director of learning technologies and teaching support at Carleton.

Whether in Charlottetown, PEI, or Centretown, Ottawa, students can simply click on any CUTV course lecture and stream it onto their computer via RealPlayer software.

"Unveiling this service heralds a new and exciting era for distance and flexible education for Carleton. It gives students the ultimate control over when, where and how they attend their courses," says Miles.

The program changes the nature of correspondence courses by providing an immediacy that students can't get from the one-week delay of shipped DVDs, explains Miles. As a result, Video on Demand allows students to stay better connected to the classroom and their learning.

VOD peaked during the pilot project in April 2005, with more than 2,000 visitors watching the equivalent of almost 6,000 hours of content, or a total of 768 CDs of information. The program has proven so successful that it will expand from just two course offerings in 2003 to all 66 CUTV courses this academic year.

Amber Hildebrandt, BJ/02, works in the Educational Development Centre. ■



Assistant professor Jane Dickson-Gilmore of the Department of Law delivers a course via the university's new Video on Demand service.

Photo: Luther Caverly



President David Atkinson meets with parents and students during residence move-in activities over Labour Day weekend.

Meet the president

He has published four books and more than 90 essays and reviews in academic journals. He was an elite athlete who competed on the cross country and track team at Indiana University in the late '70s. The father of twin sons, he has been married for 32 years. He's also Carleton's new president.

Get to know David Atkinson, the university's ninth president, in an informative Q&A in the winter issue of *Carleton University Magazine*. Get the scoop on his vision for the university, philosophy on teaching, and thoughts on the impact of higher education on society.

It's all in your winter 2006 issue of *Carleton University Magazine*. ■

! Mark your calendar

Meet President David Atkinson in person at a special alumni reception in Toronto on November 23. Join other Carleton graduates for an evening with the university's new visionary leader. For more information, visit carleton.ca/events.

Carleton gains new Canada Research Chair

James Meadowcroft, who was featured in the spring 2005 issue of *Carleton University Magazine*, has been appointed as the Canada Research Chair in Governance for Sustainable Development at Carleton. A joint professor in political science and public policy and administration, Meadowcroft's research examines how governments in industrialized countries can encourage societies to produce and consume in more sustainable ways.

"In the rich industrialized countries, the key challenge is to radically reduce the burden our societies impose upon the global environment. To avoid catastrophic damage to ecological integrity, we must change the way we do things, particularly in the major economic sectors of energy, construction, manufacturing, transport and agriculture," he says.

The Canada Research Chairs program is a federal initiative which aims to strengthen research excellence

in Canada and increase Canada's research capacity by attracting and retaining the best researchers and faculty. With this appointment, Carleton now has a total of 19 Canada Research Chairs.

Read the original story on Meadowcroft and his research interests at magazine.carleton.ca. ■



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The Honourable Lloyd Francis, formerly the Speaker of the House of Commons, served as a Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Carleton from 1963 to 1984. He recently established a scholarship in honour of his friend Robert McKeown, who passed away in 1975.

Former Speaker of the House of Commons honours journalist with prestige scholarship

A wonderful friendship between two esteemed Canadians has led to the creation of the Robert McKeown Doctoral Scholarship in Communication at Carleton.

The Honourable Lloyd Francis, an important member of the nation's political community since 1959, has contributed \$112,000 to establish the new award. With matching funds, the total value of the scholarship is \$224,000.

"Robert McKeown was a dedicated and professional journalist," says Francis. "A man of integrity, I came to rely on Robert for advice and friendship."

The Robert McKeown Doctoral Scholarship will be awarded annually, when merited, to a student in the doctoral program in communication who has a background as a working journalist or whose research focuses on the news media or journalism practice. The first award will be made in the fall of 2006.

"I am proud to be able to honour my good friend by giving other professional journalists this opportunity to further their education," adds Francis.

Chris Dornan, director of the School of Journalism and Communication, says the scholarship will be a "fitting tribute" to Robert McKeown's memory.

"This type of scholarship, I believe, is consistent with Mr. McKeown's commitment to the advancement of Canadian journalism. It will provide much-needed financial support to individuals giving up salaried positions in order to pursue their intellectual interests."

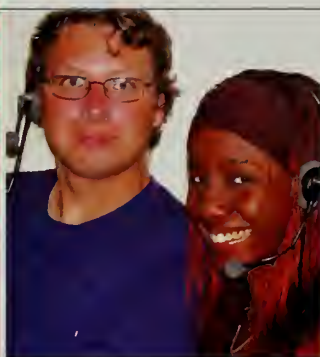
Known as "The Gent" for his integrity and unflappable nature by friends and colleagues, McKeown spent more than a quarter century as a political and feature writer

for *Weekend Magazine*. He has been described as one of Canada's most respected journalists. He passed away in 1975.

McKeown, says Francis, is "probably the best friend I have ever known." In 1958, when Francis ran a successful campaign to become an Ottawa alderman, McKeown pitched in by creating some of Francis' campaign literature.

Francis was first elected to the House of Commons in 1963 and served as the Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Carleton in alternating terms until 1984. In January of that year, Francis became Speaker of the House of Commons and was appointed to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. Following the 1984 election, then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney named Francis the Ambassador to Portugal, a position he held until 1987 when he returned to Ottawa. ■

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Shooting for glory

Medal hopes high for Ravens varsity teams

All 19 Ravens varsity teams have something to crow about in preparation for the 2005-2006 sports season. That's because the addition of state-of-the-art facilities and new coaches, along with a targeted recruiting effort that has brought in more than 100 fresh, young athletes, is expected to improve the medal count in upcoming provincial and national tournaments.

Led by veteran Osvaldo Jeanty, the Ravens men's basketball team hopes to net an unprecedented fourth straight Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship victory. With their 78 regular and post-season winning streak intact, the Ravens are only 10 wins shy of the CIS record of 88 consecutive regular and post-season wins, which is currently held by the University of Winnipeg women's basketball program.

On the pitch, the men's soccer team is the defending Ontario University Athletics (OUA) east/west regular season champion. In exhibition play this September, the team notched two wins, one tie and only one loss to kickstart the season.

The women's soccer team also poses a formidable threat on the field. Under head coach Andy Nera, the Ravens posted their fourth straight OUA post-season berth in 2004-2005 and expect to improve their standing this year. Third-year goalkeeper Angela Penfound, who was named a CIS athlete of the week during the 2004-2005 season, returns to help the team shoot for glory on the provincial stage.

The women's basketball program is looking to crack the OUA post-season schedule. Leading the way are Sarah Kennedy, the team's most valuable player in 2004-2005, Brooke Ritchie, the Ravens' leading scorer with 9.86

points per game, and Jyllian Grosse, who was named to the OUA east all-rookie team.

The Ice House, Carleton's newest sports facility, is home to the university's first varsity women's hockey team. With the coaching expertise of Marco Ouellette, who previously led the Ottawa Gee Gees to their first post-season berth and medal, the young team plans to make a solid impression in the Quebec Students Sports Federation league in which they will play.

For more varsity sports news and updates, visit carleton.ca/athletics. ■

Online exclusive!

The Ice House, Carleton's new twin-pad arena, was officially opened on September 15. Visit magazine.carleton.ca to see pictures from the ceremony and learn more about this \$13-million facility.



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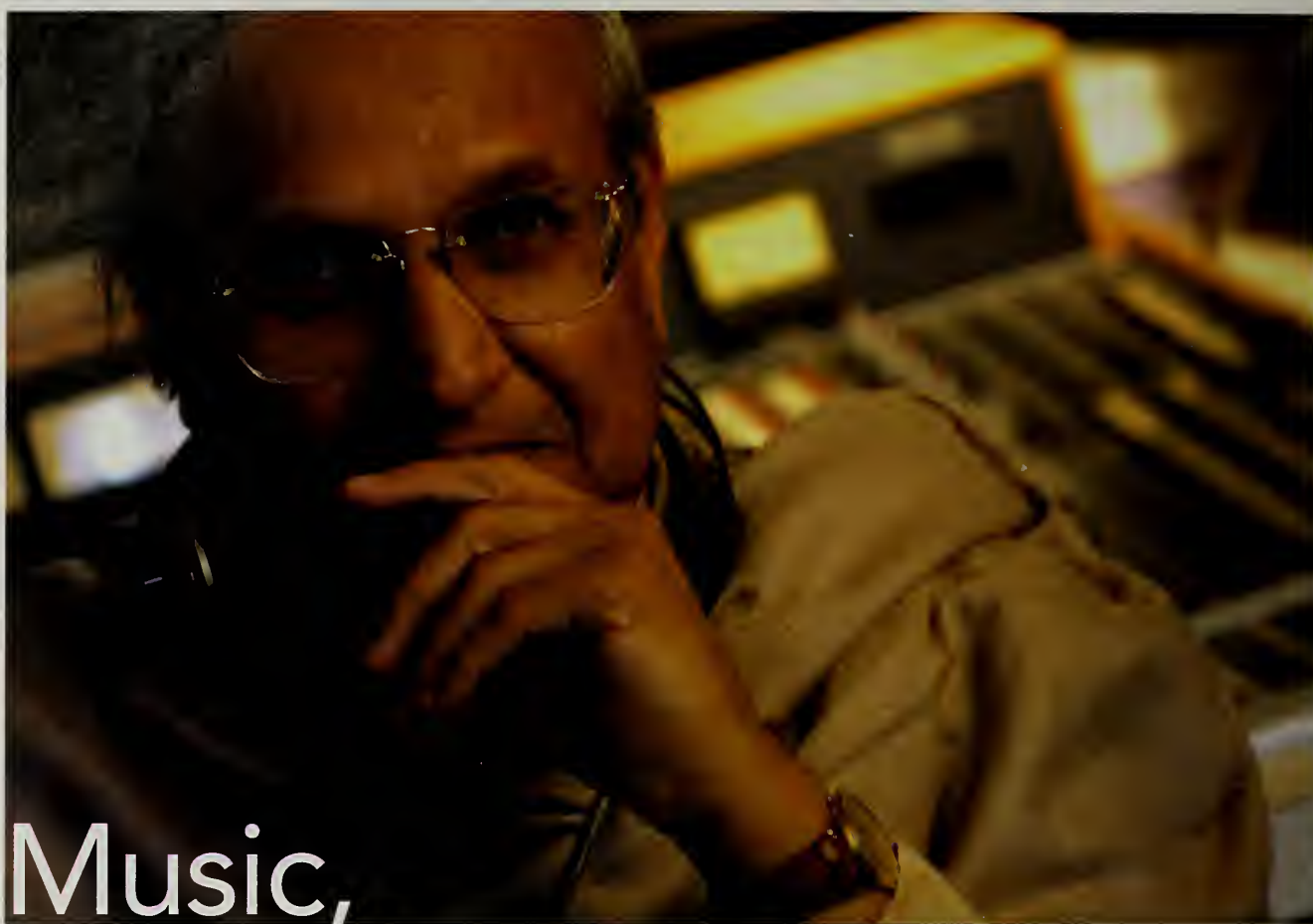


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Music, spirituality and religion

Harsha Dehejia, MA/86, in the CKCU radio studios

By Esther Katheu Mbithi

In this era of infotainment and pop culture, what does a musical radio program have to do with spirituality and religion? Well, if the program is *An Indian Morning* on Carleton's CKCU radio station and its presenter is Harsha Dehejia, MA/86, everything.

The fact that the program could go on air at all is a miracle in itself. When *An Indian Morning* first hit the airwaves back in 1973, voices from the margins did not get much attention from the mainstream media, much less a full hour on the air, explains Dehejia. But a large audience who wanted this audio lifeline to their spiritual and religious heritage embraced the program and kept it going.

"Since then, the program has been on the air without an interruption every Sunday for 32 years," says the tenacious physician and professor of religion at Carleton who succeeded in

giving a voice to a vibrant community of immigrants from India.

And the numbers speak for themselves: annual public funding drives typically bring in \$5,000 to \$7,000. In less predictable places, such as restaurants and airports, Dehejia is recognized by loyal listeners when they hear his voice. So popular has the program become, in fact, that recent developments include a co-host and an extra half-hour.

So, why do people continue to tune into CKCU 93.1 FM?

"It fulfills the needs of the Indian community in many different ways," says Dehejia. "First it gives them a voice from home in the form of music and news. News from the community ensures that everybody knows what is going on."

But perhaps the answer also lies in the fact that the emphasis is spiritual. *An Indian Morning* en-

tertains its listeners with classical, religious and popular music. But the program's point of departure is that, as Dehejia has written in one of his books, "the spirit of man is revealed through his music."

"I talk about the beautiful but emphasize that our encounter with the beautiful is not complete unless one moves it to the subjective, inward and serene experience of beauty," says Dehejia.

This may explain why the program appeals even to people who are not of Indian origin. But perhaps the spiritual nature of this program is best illustrated by the religious zeal with which the producer has presented it since its inception in 1973, come snow, rain, or shine!

Esther Katheu Mbithi, MA/93, resides in the Machakos district of eastern Kenya. ■

Beyond belief

By Dennis York

Those who are interested in joining the atheistic Carleton Freethought Association can drop by Mike's Place, the graduate students' pub in the University Centre, on Tuesday evenings between 5 and 7 p.m. from September through April. That's where you'll find Al Parsons, one of the three founding members of the organization. Parsons is the person who keeps the association going. And he isn't hard to find. Just look for a burly 91-year-old gentleman with white hair and a moustache.

"We don't have a real meeting, I just go there and I sit down at a table with my literature and a sign. And if any of the members come by

— well, they can spot me and come over and talk."

According to its constitution, the Carleton Freethought Association was formed in September 2002 to "promote scientific-based logic in all spheres." Parsons says the organization is firmly atheist and aims to "help the students and promote humanism, and to separate religion from education and the state."

Parsons credits a Sunday school teacher for converting him to atheism when he was a boy.

"One Sunday, he came out and said this guy could walk on water. Well, this was in Hamilton in the 1920's and anybody knew you can't walk

on water. So evidently he was lying. There are some things that just don't make sense."

In conducting an informal survey at Carleton, Parsons says he found that only about one in 12 students said he or she was religious, yet only a few students expressed an interest in joining the Carleton Freethought Association.

"They don't need it," says Parsons. "They feel they can get along without it."

That lack of interest in the Carleton Freethought Association means that much depends on Parsons and his weekly meetings in Mike's Place. Not much happens when he's not there to organize things. But since Parsons is 91, he says he's not sure how much longer he'll be able to keep holding the meetings.

And if he's no longer part of the Freethought Association? "Well," he replies, "it won't exist."

Read the full story online at magazine.carleton.ca.

Dennis York, BAHons/73, is an Ottawa writer and part-time teacher at Algonquin College. ■



Photo: the Charlétan

Al Parsons keeps the Carleton Freethought Association alive with weekly meetings at Mike's Place pub in the University Centre.

Religious clubs and societies on campus

- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Carleton University Bible Study Club
- Catholic Christian Outreach
- Carleton Christian Fellowship
- Muslim Students Association
- Muslim Students Federation
- Apostolics of Carleton
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1950s

Jim Campbell, BA/54, received a doctor of divinity degree (honoris causa) from The United Theological College in Montreal in May. Jim resides in Oakville, ON, where he retired after being the minister of St. John's United Church for 26 years.

Gordon Pape, BA/59, has published a book called *Quizmas: Christmas Trivia Family Fun*. Gordon resides in the Toronto area.

1960s

Norma Lennon Wiggins, BA/65, demonstrated her icon painting technique at a show in Taos, NM, in July. Norma makes her home in Colorado and New Mexico. Her artwork can be found at cichonfineart.com.

Peter Michaelson, BJ/66, is a psychotherapist and author in Santa Fe, NM. He has posted an excerpt of his latest book, *The Big New Liberal Idea: Establishing Personal Authority in These Reactionary Times*, on his Web site at petermichaelson.com.

Anthony Ross, BEng/66, has retired after a 38-year career, most of it in academic publishing. Tony and his wife have settled in San Diego, CA.

Hans Kouwenberg, BAHons/69, MA/73, was recently awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the Presbyterian College in Montreal. He resides with his wife, **Colleen Kouwenberg, MA/73**, in Abbotsford, BC, where he is the senior pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church. Colleen works as a learning resource teacher in the Langley School District.

1970s



Rudolf Stussi, BAHons/71, BJ/73, mounted a major art exhibition in Gruyeres, Switzerland, this summer. He has also illustrated a children's book, *Hula-Hula*, that will be published this fall. Rudolf resides in Toronto.

Louise Charron, BA/73, recently received the President's Award from the Women's

Law Association of Ontario for her service to the legal community. Louise has held many positions within the judicial system and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2004.

Linda Knowles (Craig), BAHons/74, MA/75, has been living in the United Kingdom since 1976. She is the reviews editor of the *British Journal of Canadian Studies* and edits *Cantext*, a newsletter of the British Association for Canadian Studies. This fall, her essay on Robertson Davies will be published in *Majesty in Canada: Essays on the Role of Royalty*.

James O'Regan, BA/74, is an Ottawa-based actor, writer and producer, who recently narrated a documentary called *Shooters: The Canadian Army Film and Photo Unit 1941 – 1946*. James has also released *Edsville*, an award-winning short comedic film, on DVD. Visit his Web site at jamesoregan.com.

Terry Murray, BJ/76, has sold the Canadian rights to her book *Faces on Places: A Grotesque Tour of Toronto*, to Anansi Press. It will be released in June 2006. Terry resides in Toronto where she works for *The Medical Post*.

Leanne Stuart, BJ/77, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at Queens University of Charlotte, NC, where she is the chair of the Department of Communication. Leanne resides in Mooresville, NC.

1980s

Pierre Bertrand, BA/80, recently launched a management consulting firm called Manage Matrix in Toronto. The firm specializes in entrepreneur and mid-market consulting, strategy, risk management, governance and corporate social responsibility, and can be found online at managematrix.com.

Rietta Floom, DPA/81, MA/81, recently accepted a position with the Office of the Manitoba Ombudsman in Winnipeg, MB, where she resides with her husband and three children.

Martha Muzychka, BJ/86, received her certification as an accredited business communicator from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) in December 2004. Martha also received a 2005 Pinnacle Award of Excellence for Media Relations from the Newfoundland and Labrador chapter of the IABC. Martha lives with her husband and son in St. John's, Nfld, where she works as director of communications for Health and Community Services, St. John's Region.

Shirley Moulton, BA/83, is a professional artist working in Ottawa. Her oil painting, *Apple Blossoms*, was featured in the July 2005 edition of *Parkhurst Exchange*, a medical forum magazine. She is represented by Rothwell Gallery in Ottawa.

Ian R. Mackenzie, BAHons/84, MA/87, was recently appointed as the vice-chairperson of the federal government's Public Service Labour Relations Board. Ian resides in Ottawa.

Michael de Jong, BA/85, was recently re-elected to the British Columbia legislature and has been appointed Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services. This is Michael's fourth time being elected to BC's provincial legislature.

Thomas Klassen, DPA/85, is an associate professor and the coordinator of the public policy and administration program in the Department of Political Science at York University in Toronto.

Esther Enyolu, BA/88, BAHons/90, was recently recognized with a Woman of Distinction Award from the YWCA in Durham, ON, for her tireless efforts to end violence against women and children. Esther is the founder and executive director of the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre in Durham.

Carl Coulter, BA/92, has retired from the Hamilton Tiger Cats football team after a 15-year career in the Canadian Football League. Carl hails from Lindsay, ON.

Alex Wooley, BA/89, has accepted a job as the director of communications and development at InterMedia Survey Institute, a Washington, DC-based company that conducts research into the media and public attitudes in more than 100 countries worldwide.

1990s



Jennifer Markey, BCom/90, is the recipient of one of the *Ottawa Business Journal's* 2005 Forty Under 40 Awards. Jenn is the vice-president of marketing at Semiconductor Insights in Ottawa.

Jennifer Power Scott, BJ/90 MJ/91, gave birth to her first child, Juliet Christine Valentine Scott, on February 14, 2004. Jennifer is a freelance journalist and professional jazz singer. She lives in Saint John, NB, with her husband Jeff. Friends can reach Jennifer at jenny_canuck@yahoo.ca.

Janeen Turner, BEng/90, recently returned to Ottawa after four years in New Zealand developing credit card systems.

Peter Cantelon, BA/91, graduated from Tyndale Seminary with his master of divinity, pastoral studies, on May 7, 2005. He also received the 2005 Canadian Bible Society Award. Peter resides in Toronto with his wife Carla and three children, where he serves on the pastoral staff of Bayview Glen Church.

Walter Robinson, BCom/91, has been appointed vice-president, provincial affairs, for Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies. The position is based in Ottawa where Walter resides with his family.

Gary Boegel, BA/92, has published a new book called *Boys of the Clouds*, which includes the stories of more than 70 veterans of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion during WWII. Gary resides in the Ottawa area.

Ron Kaine, BA/92, is living in Stoney Creek, ON, where he works for Bell Mobility as a senior business systems analyst. He visits the Ottawa area frequently to spend time with his family.

Jamie MacKinnon, MA/92, has had his first book of poetry, *Just like blood*, published by SGB Perfect Current. The book contains six linocut prints by Jamie's

daughter, Genevieve. Jamie resides in Ottawa.

Daniel McArthur, BAHons/93, recently completed a post doctoral fellowship at Queen's University in Kingston, ON. Daniel has accepted a position as an assistant professor of philosophy at York University in Toronto.

Jennifer David (Swanson), BJ/94, BAHons/02, is proud to announce two recent births. The first is the birth of Grace Alicia Rhea on December 21, 2004. The second is the publication of her book *Story Keepers: Conversations with Aboriginal Writers*, in March 2005. Jennifer lives in Ottawa with her husband Jerico and their 22-month-old son Caleb. Jennifer owns an Aboriginal communications consulting company, Debwe Communications Inc.



Derek Jones, BA/94, is a singer and songwriter whose CD *Awakening* was listed in the top 100 CDs for 2004 by Ottawa's Majic 100 FM radio station. Derek resides in Val-des-Monts, QC.

Timothy Kimber, BSW/94, MSW/00, is the president of PlaSmart Incorporated, a toy distribution company. PlaSmart recently won the Oppenheim Toy Portfo-

lio Gold Seal Award for a toy called the PlasmaCar. Timothy resides in Ottawa.

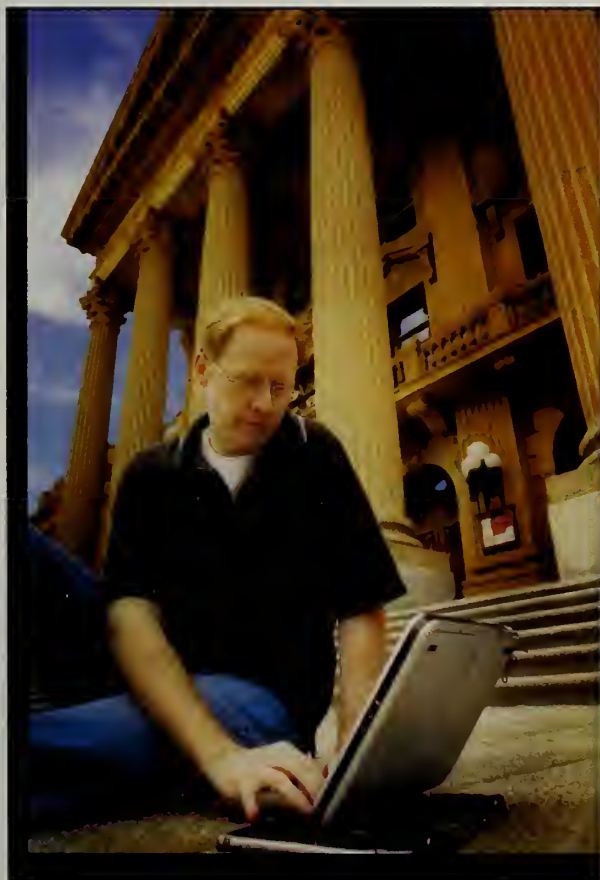


Derek Kuhn, BEng/94, is the senior director of marketing and business development at Alcatel in Ottawa. Derek was recently recognized with one of the *Ottawa Business Journal's* 2005 Forty Under 40 Awards.

Stacey Porter, BA/94, graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam on May 22, 2005, where she received a master of science teaching childhood education. Stacey resides in Cardinal, ON.

Shannon MacRae, BAHons/99, MA/00, and Ravi Ramkissoonsingh, BAHons/94, MA/99, MA/02, currently reside in Hamilton, ON, where Ravi teaches psychology and human relations at Mohawk College, and Shannon teaches English and communication at both Brock University and Mohawk College. They invite former classmates to contact them at shanravi@mountaincable.net.

Fred Simpson, BAHons/94, and his wife Evelyn recently celebrated Corben's first birthday in their new home in Thornhill, ON. Fred is a senior project manager with Generation5 in Toronto and recently started his master's in business administration at the University of Toronto.



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By Roberta Hamilton, BA/63

As Registrar of Queen's University, Jean Royce shaped the university's development, and personified Queen's for generations of students.

University of Toronto Press (Toronto) 2002; \$48; utpress.utoronto.ca

Profiting the Crown: Canada's Polymer Corporation, 1942 – 1990

By Matthew J. Bellamy, BAHons/94, MA/96, PhD/01

A chronicle of the development and evolution of one of Canada's most innovative and profitable crown corporations, Polymer Corporation Ltd.

McGill-Queen's University Press (Montreal) 2005; \$65; mqup.mcgill.ca

A Jew in Deed

By Corey Goldman, MJ/97, and Imrich Rosenberg, MA/72

Rosenberg's fruitful labour on behalf of Jews during and shortly after the Second World War in Europe is the subject of this book.

Penumbra Press (Manotick) 2005; \$29.95; penumbraexpress.com

Eckhart Cars

By Peter Jaeger, BAHons/92

A series of 18 poems that, although conceptually related, are formally distinct from one another.

Salt Publishing (Cambridge) 2004; £9.99; saltpublishing.com

The Dying Hour

By Rick Mofina, BJ/87

A rookie reporter from the wrong side of the tracks is obsessed with a missing college student.

Kensington Publishing Corp. (New York) 2005; \$6.99; kensingtonbooks.com

A Bed of Red Flowers

By Nelofer Pazira, BJ/97

A profoundly touching portrait of life under occupation in Afghanistan and the unforgettable story of a family, a people and a country.

Random House Canada (Toronto) 2005; \$34.95; randomhouse.ca

Globalization Unplugged: Sovereignty and the Canadian State in the Twenty-First Century

By Peter Urmetzer, BAHons/93, MA/94

Questions whether national economies are losing their sovereignty and whether the topic of globalization merits as much discussion as it receives.

University of Toronto Press (Toronto) 2005; \$55; utppublishing.com

Disciplined educational leadership into the future

By Douglas Thom, BSc/67

Ming-Ai Institute (London) 2003; ming-ai.org.uk

Not the Big Sleep: On Having Fun, Seriously

By Daryl Sharp, BScHons/56, BJ/58

An informative and entertaining novel incorporating Jungian psychology.

Inner City Books (Toronto) 2005; \$16; innercitybooks.net

Ore Mineral Atlas

By Dan Marshall, BSc/86, MSc/90, Lyn Anglin, PhD/92, and Hamid Mumin

Contains a listing of the optical and physical properties of 53 common ore minerals.

Geological Association of Canada (St. John's) 2004; \$48; gac.ca

Story Keepers: Conversations with Aboriginal Writers

By Jennifer David (Swanson), BJ/94, BAHons/02

Discover the works and words of 10 contemporary Aboriginal writers from across Canada.

Ningwakwe Learning Press (Owen Sound) 2005; \$14.95; ningwakwe.on.ca

Quizmas: Christmas Trivia Family Fun

By Gordon Pape, BA/59

A delightful collection of Christmas trivia for youngsters and grown-ups.

Penguin Canada (Toronto) 2004; \$16; penguin.ca or quizmas.net

Boys of the Clouds

By Gary Boegel, BA/92

A collection of stories and experiences of more than 70 veterans of the 1st

Canadian Parachute Battalion during the Second World War.

Trafford Publishing (Victoria) 2005; \$40; trafford.com

Just Like Blood

By Jamie MacKinnon, MA/92

A collection of poetry.

SGB Productions (Guelph) 2004; \$16.95; pmsinc@interlog.com

Intentional Grandparenting: A Boomer's Guide

By Mary Jane Sterne, BA/67, and Peggy Edwards

Helps readers take action to be the kind of grandparent that best suits them while meeting the needs of grandchildren and their parents.

McClelland and Stewart (Toronto) 2005; \$24.95; mcclelland.com

A Country Girl

By Jeanne Ainslie, BScHons/62, MSc/64

A book of erotica.

Blue Moon Books 2005; \$10.95; bluemoonbooks.com

Solace: A Correspondence of Gardening, Friendship and Healing

By Diane Sims, BJ/86, MJ/90

Two women reflect on their gardens, their friendship and their lives with humour, wisdom and grace.

Novalis (Ottawa) 2005; \$21.95; novalis.ca

A Walk in the Park

By Grace Casselman, BJ/91

Deals with being the new kid at school, trying to fit in, young love and general teenage angst.

Napoleon Publishing (Toronto) 2005; \$8.95; napoleannpublishing.com



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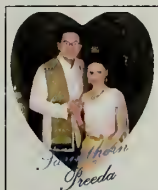
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Andrea Johnson, BAHons/95, recently received one of the *Ottawa Business Journal's* 2005 Forty Under 40 Awards. Andrea is a corporate and technology lawyer with the Ottawa office of Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

Preeda Toh, BA/95, was married on February 19, 2005, in Bangkok, Thailand, where he works as an anchor on Thailand's Outlook Channel.



Tess van Straaten, BAHons/96, and her partner Travis Commandeur are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Cayman, on September 6, 2003. The family resides in Adelaide, Australia, where Tess works as a TV journalist and is writing a book. Tess can be reached at tvstess@canada.com.

Michael Shaye, BAHons/97, and Rachel Shaye (Derrane), BScHons/97, are pleased to welcome their first child, Laura Rose Shaye, on June 3, 2005, in Oakville, ON, where the happy family resides.

Zachary Houle, BJ/98, was recently awarded a \$4,000 fiction writing grant from the City of Ottawa to finish a proposed short-story collection. He is currently the communications coordinator for the Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council in Ottawa, where he resides.

Ryan B. Johnston, BA/98, has been promoted to senior vice president of land development with Catalfumo Construction & Development, Inc., in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ryan is currently overseeing the development of over one million square feet of office, retail and industrial space. Ryan makes his home in Jupiter, FL.

Victoria Fulford, BJ/98, recently graduated from Ryerson University with a master's degree in communication and culture. Victoria lives in Toronto.

Brian Burke, MA/99, has accepted a position with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, as an administrative assistant in the official languages programs unit in Toronto, where he has lived since 1999.

Roger Dao, BCS/99, and his wife Bianca are pleased to announce the birth of their first daughter, Jocelyne, in May 2005. The happy family lives in Ottawa.

Andrew Murison, BA/99, currently resides in Toronto with his wife Jane and baby daughter Emma Jane. He is the senior Web developer for a news dissemination company.

2000s

Alan Stanbridge, PhD/00, recently won a teaching award from the University of Toronto, where he is an assistant professor in the Department of Humanities.

James Milne, BEng/01, MBA/03, and wife Lindsay are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Alexandria Joyce, on June 2, 2005. The happy family resides in Ottawa.

Ratheenthiran Subramaniam, BScHons/01, is pleased to announce the birth of his baby, Varagan Ratheenthiran, on July 4, 2005. The family resides in the Toronto area where Ratheenthiran works at a pharmaceuticals company.

Julie Fortier, BJ/03, has accepted a job as a news reporter with *Nepean This Week*. Julie lives in the Ottawa area.

Jay Gutteridge, BJ/03, was promoted to editor of the *St. Paul Journal* in St. Paul, AB, where he resides.

Sean MacPhedran, BCom/03, had a blast working as the marketing lead for The X Prize Foundation last year. Sean resides in Ottawa where he works in digital advertising.

Robert Snooks, BA/03, recently moved to Vancouver to pursue his television and film career. After many TV appearances, he appeared on *The Tonight*

Show With Jay Leno last year. He can be reached at grapeguyproduction.com.

Shauna Correia, BEng/04, has moved to Montreal to study medicine at McGill University.

Mike Fegelman, BJ/04, is the assistant director of HonestReporting Canada, a non-profit organization ensuring fair and accurate Canadian media coverage of Israel and the Middle East. Mike lives in the Toronto area.

Ann Lang, MJ/04, has won the Canadian Association of Journalists Student Award of Excellence in Journalism for a radio documentary on military families. Ann resides in Montreal.

Meghan McCabe, BA/04, is presently living in Toronto and is working for The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences/The Juno Awards.

Daniel Quick, BAHons/04, received his bachelor of education degree in law and history from York University in June. He is currently seeking employment in this field.

Lacey Sheppy, BJHons/04, is the new sports reporter at the *Orillia Packet & Times*. In April, she got engaged to second lieutenant **Jarrett Cranston, BAHons/04**, a Canadian Forces pilot who is currently stationed at Canadian Forces Base Trenton.

Erin Conway-Smith, MJ/05, has won a Student Journalist Hong Kong Fellowship based on a proposal for stories she would write in Hong Kong. Erin is working in Beijing, China, as an editorial consultant for an English language news magazine.

Tom Kralidis, MA/05, has moved to Toronto, where he works as a senior systems scientist for Environment Canada.

Jeff Phillips, BPAPM/05, is in Japan for a year to teach English as a second language. He graduated from Carleton with highest honours in June.

Carleton University Magazine welcomes its future alumni!



Grace Alicia Rhea David³
December 21, 2004

Alexandria Joyce Milne
June 2, 2005

Tyler Cayman Commandeur¹
September 6, 2003

Laura Rose Shaye
June 3, 2005

Juliet Christine Valentine Scott
February 14, 2004

Varagan Ratheenthiran
Subramaniam⁴
July 4, 2005

Emma Jane Murison²
July 14, 2004

Jocelyne Dao⁵
May 2005

Jacob James Brown⁶
August 25, 2005

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The 'C' word

By Erin Sweet

"Small yet mighty" is the recurring phrase Lucy Mortimer uses to describe Carleton's chapter of the Student Christian Movement (SCM), a liberal interfaith group concerned about social justice issues, such as homelessness, violence against women and poverty.

Even with only two core members, it's evident from the enthusiasm in her voice that the numbers don't faze her. Her passion was sparked last year at the movement's national conference.

"I headed off on a plane to Newfoundland for the annual conference. It was a one-week workshop on the theme of belonging. That was my kickoff to SCM and I haven't been quiet about it since," says Mortimer, BAHons/05.

Before that, Mortimer got a glimpse of the movement through guest speakers hosted by Carleton's chaplain, Tom Sherwood, MA/72, PhD/94.

"I thought, maybe this will be a place where I'll fit in," says Mortimer.

"You don't have to have a set of beliefs to be part of SCM. You are accepted for who you are."

Since it was founded in 1921, members of the student-led Christian organization have spoken out against war and have challenged church views on homosexuality. Mortimer revitalized the Carleton chapter in 2004.

Although the numbers may not be as strong as other Christian-based groups on campus, the movement has appeal because it is not completely biblically based and because of its

strong social justice component. It's a safe haven where individuals aren't challenged or questioned because of their beliefs, says Mortimer. Everyone is welcome and has an equal voice.

Under Mortimer's leadership, the Carleton chapter held a winter retreat for other branches in Canada's central region on the theme of homelessness. Mortimer has also held a space audit at Carleton where participants identified sacred places around campus.

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mentioned ..."**

Armed with a start-up grant from the movement's head office in Toronto and the support of the university's chaplain, the Carleton branch survived its first year under Mortimer's leadership. For her, that's an accomplishment.

Mortimer, who graduated with a psychology degree in June, recently handed over the leadership reins and has taken on the role of a senior friend where she'll act as an advisor.

She's confident that given time, the numbers will grow. There's still a tendency for people to run when the 'C' word — Christianity — is mentioned, says Mortimer. However, she feels that's changing.

"We're making a positive connection."

For more information, visit scmcanada.org or phone the Carleton Chaplaincy at (613) 520-4449.

Erin Sweet, BJ/98, MJ/00, is a writer and editor for Public Works and Government Services Canada in Ottawa. ■



Lucy Mortimer, BAHons/05, with Tom Sherwood, her mentor and Carleton's chaplain.

In memoriam

James A. Houston, PhD/72 (honoris causa)
on April 17, 2005

Edith Ashton, BA/85
on July 28, 2004

Marie Ann Lafrance, friend of the university
on May 21, 2005

Greg Erwin, BA/76
on January 23, 1999

J. Clarence Metcalfe, BJ/49
on May 29, 2005

Mary Moran (Hetherington), BJ/82
on July 3, 2005

Clyde Wong, BA/73
on February 25, 2004

Margaret Fisher Fallis, BA/82,
BAHons/84, MA/85
on April 21, 2005

Peter Riddell, BA/67, BAHons/68
on May 28, 2005

James Kyd, BA/72
on September 1, 2004

Michael Pender, BA/73
in April 2005

Peter Jennings, PhD/97 (honoris causa)
on August 7, 2005

John C. Clarke, BArch/79
on August 12, 2005



Stone or banana?

Enrolment in Angela Sumegi's Death and the Afterlife course usually tops 600 students per term.

By Richard Martin

Are we stone, or are we banana? It's a question that appeals to Angela Sumegi, an assistant professor of religion in the College of the Humanities. She uses it to illustrate the questions of identity at the heart of her very popular course, *Death and the Afterlife*.

The question comes from an Indonesian myth in which the creator offers early humans various gifts. They turn down the stone but gladly accept the banana, which means they become part of the fleshy, material world that is subject to the natural cycle of birth, growth, death, and decay instead of the hard, unchanging, eternal stone.

"Are we material only?" asks Sumegi, "or do we have some other identity? If we're thinking about the end of 'me,' then who or what is 'me'? Who am I? Who or what dies?"

That leads to questions about death itself. "Dictionaries don't define death

except as the absence of life," she says. "If life is growth, transformation, change, then death is the ultimate transformation. As such, it is an aspect of life." She laughs delightedly at the contradiction and notes that her course focuses on what various religious traditions and secular philosophies have to say about these questions.

So why is her course so popular, boasting enrolment numbers of more than 600 students per term? Such courses are wildly popular throughout North America, she replies, and across disciplines.

"It's a perennially fascinating subject," says Sumegi, BA/76, MA/84. "Everyone knows intellectually that it's something they will have to encounter. And many of the students are dealing with a death or a serious illness in the family."

As an undergraduate, Sumegi studied art history at Carleton, and was intrigued by eastern art, which was

mostly religious. To prepare for further art studies, she pursued a master's degree in religion, where she found she was attracted to the intellectual challenges of the texts she was studying.

"Buddhism is the most intellectually challenging of them all," she says. "I realized I needed to wrap my head around it."

Sumegi then won a two-year fellowship to study Sanskrit in India in 1980. She and her family stayed for five years while she studied at a Tibetan monastery in south India. It was there she found her personal path.

"It was putting theory into practice through training the mind and making a personal engagement. You don't just read the prescription, you take the medicine."

Read the full story online at magazine.carleton.ca.

Richard Martin, BAHons/70, BJ/83, is an Ottawa-based writer. ■

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